

IN THE DRAWINGS:

See the new replacement sheets.

REMARKS

The Office Action indicated that Claims 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19 and 23 would be allowed if rewritten in independent form.

The Office Action objected to the drawings as not adequately disclosing some of the terminology utilized in the claims. Accordingly, using the disclosure of the original claims as filed, new drawings 3B and 18B have been added while the original drawings Figures 3 and 18 have been amended to respectively Figure 3A and 18A.

The proposed inserts into the specification are consistent with the support from the original claims and are believed to more than adequately support the current claims.

To assist the Examiner, newly drafted Claim 26 represents the allowed subject matter of Claim 4.

Newly drafted Claim 27 represents the allowed subject matter of Claim 7.

Newly drafted Claim 28 represents the allowed subject matter of Claim 9.

Newly drafted Claim 29 represents the allowed subject matter of Claim 23.

And finally, Claim 30 is a method claim corresponding to the allowed subject matter of Claim 11.

In view of the amendments to the drawings, specification and the submission of the current claims, it is believed that the case is now allowable and an early notification of the same is requested.

If the Examiner believes that a telephone interview will help further the prosecution of this case, the undersigned attorney can be contacted at the listed telephone number.

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